

REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has amended the specification to add the cross-reference heading and paragraph and the government support heading and paragraph. As such, these amendments do not introduce new matter and their entry is respectfully requested.

Claims 6 and 8 have been amended to remove dependency of multiple claims. As such, the amendments do not introduce new matter, and the entry of them is respectfully requested. Claim 6 has been further amended to correct the dependency. The amendment is supported throughout the specification, for example at par. [0018]. Accordingly, the amendment does not introduce new matter and its entry is respectfully requested.

New claim 12 has been added. The subject matter claimed is the same as in the original claim 8. Accordingly, the new claim does not introduce new matter and its entry is respectfully requested.

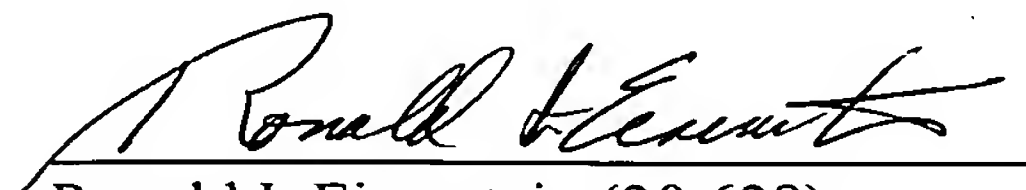
In the event that there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it is kindly requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney concerning the same to expedite prosecution of this application.

Entry of the foregoing and prompt and favorable consideration of the subject application on the merits are respectfully requested.

Fee deficiencies may be charged and overpayments credited to the NIXON PEABODY LLP Deposit Account No. 19-2380.

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